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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 6723rd meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Peace consolidation in West Africa

   Piracy in the Gulf of Guinea

   Letter dated 18 January 2012 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2012/45)

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2012 substantive session

Working Group of the Whole

12.30–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole (A/66/591, A/66/598, A/66/15, A/66/619 and A/66/619/Add.1) . . . . . [6]

[Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee Members and observers on the Web site of the Committee <https://www.e34.unlb.org>. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).]

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General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

There will be an informal meeting of the plenary on the most efficient modalities for the intergovernmental follow-up process of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development, on Wednesday, 29 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

The initial list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), will be established by a drawing of lots, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011. A special meeting for this purpose will be held toward the end of March 2012, at a time and venue to be announced in the *Journal of the United Nations*.

Delegations are therefore requested to inform the Secretariat of the level of their participation at the debate in the plenary of the Conference in writing and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN-0613A), *no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, 9 March 2012*.

A detailed note, dated 31 January 2012, concerning the procedures to be followed for establishing the list of speakers for the plenary meetings was sent to the e-mail addresses of all permanent missions and delegations.

For further information, please contact Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

General Assembly

Sixty-seventh session

The sixty-seventh session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 September 2012, at 3 p.m., and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 25 September. The high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels will be held on Monday, 24 September.

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/67/50.

A draft programme of work of the plenary will be issued in July.

General Assembly

Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

Working Group of the Whole

10 a.m. — Closed meeting — Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Maintenance of international peace and security

Strengthening the role of the Organization

Working methods of the Committee

Identification of new subjects

Plenary

Morning[1]–1 p.m. — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 2 (NLB)

[1]To be held following the meeting of the Working Group of the Whole.

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. — Closed meeting — Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. — Closed meeting — Conference Room 10 (NLB)

1. United Nations Mission in the Sudan
2. Executive meeting

Economic and Social Council

Special policy dialogue

10 a.m.–1 p.m. — Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Special policy dialogue on "Private philanthropic organizations in international development cooperation: New prospects and specific challenges"

Opening remarks by H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia), President of the Economic and Social Council

Introductory presentation by Dr. Noshua Watson, Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies/Bellagio Initiative

Moderator:

Mr. Matthew Bishop, U.S. Business Editor and New York Bureau Chief of *The Economist*

Policy dialogue I: "Comparative advantages and good practices of private philanthropic organizations"

Panellists:

Mr. Luis Ubiñas, President, Ford Foundation

Mr. Robert Garris, Managing Director of Bellagio Programs, Rockefeller Foundation

Mr. Akwasi Aidoo, Executive Director, TrustAfrica

Mr. Bakary Koné, Manager, External Affairs and Partnership, The African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF)

Mr. Igbal Noor Ali, Senior Advisor, Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN)

Policy dialogue II: "Promoting partnerships to achieve better development results"

Panellists:

Prof. Klaus M. Leisinger, Chair, Novartis Foundation for Sustainable Development

Mr. Ron Bruder, Founder of Education for Employment Foundation

H.E. Ms. Betty E. King, United States Ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva

Ms. Lisa Philp, Vice-President for Strategic Philanthropy, Foundation Center

Mr. Randhir K. Jaiswal, Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations

Partnership event

3–3.20 p.m. . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Partnership event on "Breaking new ground: Partnerships for more and better jobs for young people"

Welcome address by H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia), President of the Economic and Social Council

Opening address by Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

Statements by:

H. E. The Honourable Themba Nhlanganiso Masuku, Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Swaziland

Ms. Magatte Wade, Founder, Tiossano

3.20–4.20 p.m. . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Dialogue I: "Innovations in promoting youth employment"

Moderator:

Ms. Connie Czymoch, TV Moderator, Phoenix TV

Speakers:

Mr. José María Sanz-Magallón Rezusta, CEO, Telefónica, United States

Ms. Sharan Burrow, General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation

Ms. Reeta Roy, President and CEO, MasterCard Foundation

Dr. James Mwangi, CEO and Managing Director, Equity Bank, Kenya

Respondents:

Ms. Ronnie Goldberg, Executive Vice-President, United States Council for International Business

Ms. Poonam Ahluwalia, President, Youth Employment Summit

Mr. William Reese, President and CEO, International Youth Foundation

4.20–5.20 p.m. . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Dialogue II: Building new business models for youth employment"

Moderator:

Mr. David Arkless, President of Corporate and Government Affairs, Manpower Group

Speakers:

Ms. Linda Ben, Executive Vice-President of Junior Chamber International, South Africa

Mr. Chris Bashinelli, Executive Director, Bridge the Gap TV

Ms. Eriko Yamaguchi, CEO and Founder, Motherhouse Company

Mr. AbdulMohsen Al-Badr, Director of Programme Development, Al Ghad Youth Forum

Respondents:

Mr. Tyrone Hall, Research Specialist, Integra

Mr. Boris Bulayev, Executive Director, Educate!

Dr. Nicole Goldin, Senior Advisor, Bureau for Policy, Planning and Learning, United Sates Agency for International Development

5.20–6 p.m. . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Closing session

Statements by:

Mr. Ron Bruder, Founder, Education for Employment Foundation

Mr. José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, Executive Director, Employment Sector, International Labour Organization

Mr. Badr Jafar, President, Crescent Petroleum and CEO, Crescent Investments

Closing remarks by:

Mr. Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

Closing statement by:

H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia), President of the Economic and Social Council

[For additional information on the event, please visit the following Web site: <www.un.org/en/ecosoc/philanthropy1/index.shtml>. Please note that it will be possible to join the discussion on the day of the event on Twitter, using hashtag #UN4youth.]

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 2nd meeting ... General Assembly Hall

Opening session

Address by the President of the Economic and Social Council

Address by the Deputy Secretary-General

1. Election of officers ... [1]

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/CN.6/2012/1 and E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1) ... [2]

3. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" ... [3 (a)-(c)]

(E/CN.6/2012/2, E/CN.6/2012/3, E/CN.6/2011/4, E/CN.6/2012/5, E/CN.6/2012/6, E/CN.6/2012/7, E/CN.6/2012/8, E/CN.6/2012/9, E/CN.6/2012/10, E/CN.6/2012/11, A/HRC/19/31, E/CN.6/2012/12, A/HRC/19/30, E/CN.6/2012/13, E/CN.6/2012/14, E/CN.6/2012/15, E/CN.6/2012/CRP.1, E/CN.6/2012/CRP.3, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/1, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/2, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/3, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/4, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/5, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/6, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/7, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/8, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/9, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/10, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/11, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/12, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/13, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/14, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/15, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/16, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/17, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/18, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/19, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/20, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/21, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/22, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/23, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/24, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/25, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/26, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/27, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/28, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/29, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/30, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/31, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/32, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/33, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/34, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/35, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/36, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/37, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/38, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/39, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/40, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/41, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/42, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/43, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/44, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/45, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/46, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/47, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/48, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/49, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/50, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/51, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/52, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/53, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/54, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/55, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/56, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/57, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/58, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/60, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/61, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/62, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/63, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/64, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/65, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/66, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/67, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/68, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/69, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/70, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/71, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/72, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/73 and E/CN.6/2012/NGO/74)

Introductory statements by:

Under-Secretary-General for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Executive Director of UN-Women

Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Keynote speakers

General discussion

3–6 p.m. 3rd meeting Conference Rooms 1 and 4 (NLB)

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges (E/CN.6/2012/5) [3 (a) (i)]

Parallel high-level round tables on the priority theme: The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges

[Additional information on the work of the Commission, including on the participation of non-governmental organizations and the list of parallel events, can be found on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm>.]

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

Monday, 27 February 2012

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Criminal Court" (under agenda item 75) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Japan)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Other meetings

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Monday, 27 February 2012

Group of 77 (on the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E (NLB)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E (NLB)

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.shtml>.

Monday, 27 February 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon	Press briefing by the Spokesperson
12.30 p.m.	Mr. José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, Executive Director, Employment Sector, International Labour Organization (ILO); Mr. Ron Bruder, Founder, Education for Employment Foundation; and Mr. Badr Jafar, President, Crescent Petroleum, and CEO of Crescent Investments [*Moderator*: Mr. Kevin Cassidy, ILO] (on youth employment, social cohesion and the Arab Spring)

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

The first resumed part of the sixty-sixth session of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly will begin on Monday, 5 March 2012. Unless otherwise indicated, all formal meetings of the Committee will now be held in Conference Room 2 (NLB). The status of preparedness of documentation will be issued in document A/C.5/66/L.28.

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee, including an advance copy of the status of documentation, as well as the tentative and provisional programme of work, is available at <www.un.org/en/ga/fifth/>.

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

The Preparatory Committee will hold its first round of informal informal negotiations on the zero draft of the outcome document from Monday, 19 March, to Friday, 23 March 2012, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

The zero draft of the outcome document is available on the Rio+20 Web site <www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>. Member States are requested to send their written amendments to chapters III, IV and V of the zero draft of the outcome document to the Rio+20 Secretariat (e-mails tahtinen@un.org and uncsd2012@un.org), *no later than Wednesday, 29 February 2012*. Delegations are also advised that a password-protected Rio+20 e-discussion forum has been created to enable an exchange on the zero draft of the outcome document of the Conference. Delegations wishing to subscribe to the e-discussion forum are requested to contact the UNCSD secretariat (e-mail uncsd2012@un.org).

Committee on Contributions

Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Sixth session

Sierra Leone configuration

An informal meeting of the Sierra Leone configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 29 February 2012, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Economic and Social Council

Informal meeting

The Economic and Social Council will hold an interactive panel discussion on global governance, on Wednesday, 7 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia), and the interactive discussion will be moderated by the Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Gert Rosenthal. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Eric Olson, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail olsone@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0013).

Briefing

The Economic and Social Council will hold a briefing on the mandates, functions and activities of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), on Wednesday, 7 March 2012, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The briefing will be conducted by the President of INCB, Professor Hamid Ghodse, and will be chaired by the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Midori Kanda, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail kandam@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3268).

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-sixth session

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Gender equality and empowerment of women in natural disaster", convened by the delegation of Japan, will be held as follows: Friday, 2 March, from 11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB); Monday, 5 March, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB); Wednesday, 7 March, from 10 to 11.15 a.m. in Conference Room A (NLB); and Thursday, 8 March, from 3 to 4.15 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Statistical Commission
Forty-third session

The forty-third session of the Statistical Commission will be held from Tuesday, 28 February, to Friday, 2 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 28 February, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.3/2012/1 and E/CN.3/2012/L.1, respectively.

Delegations wishing to attend the session and to be included in the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (e-mails leong@un.org and ukabiala@un.org; room IN-0606 A; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Further information on the session can be obtained on the Web site of the Commission <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/commission.htm>; or by contacting Ms. Sabine Warschburger, Statistics Division (e-mail warschburger@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4297).

For the list of side events on the occasion of the forty-third session of the Statistical Commission, please *click here*.

Forthcoming other meetings

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International Criminal Court: Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties

Tuesday, 28 February 2012, from 8.45 to 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Group of Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Tuesday, 28 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Latin American and Caribbean Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 29 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Group of Friends of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (at the permanent representative level)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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UNITAR/WIPO seminar on international intellectual property

Tuesday, 28 February 2012, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 3 to 5.15 p.m. in Conference Room DC2-2525; and

Wednesday, 29 February 2012, from 9.45 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room DC2-2525.

[The seminar is open to members of permanent missions only. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Forum on "Investing in child development and learning: Assuring equity in decent work and in sustainable development" (in preparation for the 2012 Economic and Social Council Annual Ministerial Review) (co-organized by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the International Labour Organization (ILO))

Tuesday, 28 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Vijaya Singh, UNICEF (e-mail vijsingh@unicef.org; tel. 1 (212) 303-7915) or Ms. Deborah Dishman UNICEF (e-mail ddishman@unicef.org; tel. 1 (212) 326-7440).]

Briefing and discussion on "Development perspectives post-2015" (with participants from the Expert Group Meeting to support the advancement of a post-2015 United Nations development agenda) (co-organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP))

Tuesday, 28 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions, United Nations staff and representatives of accredited intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Doris Schmitz-Meiners, DESA (e-mail schmitz-meiners@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4946); or Mr. Eric Olson, DESA (e-mail olsone@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0013).]

Briefing for delegations on facilitation for the arrivals of Heads of State/Government and other senior officials coming to New York (organized by the United States Mission)

Wednesday, 29 February 2012, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[Administrative officers, heads of chancery and others responsible for ensuring the smooth arrival and departure of members of their respective delegations, including VIP delegates, are strongly urged to attend. For further details please contact Mr. Thomas J. Buda, United States Mission (e-mail budat@state.gov; tel. 1 (212) 415-4407.]

Informative (non-technical) discussion on "Reducing short-lived pollutants to slow climate change while improving crop yields and health (organized by the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO))

Thursday, 1 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Roy S. Lee, AALCO (e-mail royslee@optonline.net; tel. 1 (203) 595-9800).]

Workshop on "The trade dimension of Rio+20: Key issues for the outcome document" (co-organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC))

Friday, 16 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

[The workshop is open to members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For registration and further information, please visit <www.unctad.org/greeneconomy>; or contact UNCTAD (e-mail trade.environment@unctad.org).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English, on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

News resources for the United Nations community (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 28 February 2012.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 6 March 2012; and

Thursday, 22 March 2012.

Overview of the Legal Library (from 3 to 4 p.m.)

Tuesday, 6 March 2012.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 8 March 2012; and

Tuesday, 27 March 2012.

Searching UNBISnet (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 13 March 2012.

Treaty research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012.

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012; and

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Researching using non-United Nations databases (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The first round of language-specific informational meetings for 2012 will be held in April, in Conference Room A (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 10 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Arabic*

Tuesday, 10 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *English*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*

Thursday, 12 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*

Thursday, 12 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1 May 2012);

Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2012) <www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/elections2012.htm>;

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012).

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 24 February 2012

General Assembly

Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

265th meeting *Election of officers* . . . . . [2]

The Committee elected Mr. Hilding Lundkvist (Sweden) as Vice-Chair.

A statement was made by the representative of Viet Nam.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (New York, 19 December 2011)

Opening for signature

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above Protocol, which was adopted at the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations by resolution 66/138 of 19 December 2011, will be open for signature at a signing ceremony to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 28 February 2012 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters.

In accordance with its article 18 (1), the Protocol shall be open for signature by any State that has signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Rights of the Child or either of the two Optional Protocols thereto on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and on the involvement of children in armed conflict.

Certified true copies of the Protocol, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, are being printed and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible. Electronic copies of the Protocol are posted in the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site <http://treaties.un.org>.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign the Protocol must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Protocol could, as necessary, provide the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters (fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

For more information on full powers, please refer to the Treaty Handbook on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at the following address: <http://treaties.un.org/doc/source/publications/THB/English.pdf>.

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Chairs of the regional groups

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African States:
Tunisia
H.E. Mr. Othman Jerandi

Asia-Pacific States:
Maldives
H.E. Mr. Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed

Eastern European States:
Ukraine
H.E. Mr. Yuriy Sergeyev

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mr. Joaquin Alexander Maza Martelli

Western European and other States:
United Kingdom
H.E. Sir Mark Lyall Grant

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